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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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27 July 1989

The Honorable James A. Baker III
The Secretary of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am pleased to forward for your information the enclosed copy of the National Foreign Intelligence Strategy, which I recently approved. The first Strategy was produced by Director of Central Intelligence Casey in January 1986. This was followed by an update prepared by Acting Director Gates about a year later. It covered goals and objectives intended to implement the Strategy's findings. Both documents have served as a basis for Intelligence Community planning since their publication. Changes on the world scene since 1986, as well as the passage of time, prompted me to review the Strategy and its update earlier this year. That review has led to this new edition. ☐

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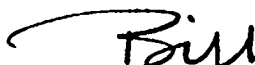
One of the changes in this Strategy is a greater emphasis on priorities--for both substantive intelligence problems and functional aspects of the intelligence process. The present budget climate makes such an emphasis imperative. In the Strategy, I have sought to supply a clear understanding of the areas that should be kept foremost as the Intelligence Community considers the choices posed by growing requirements and resource limitations. ☐

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The Strategy is not a stand-alone document. Its judgments are elaborated and refined in the many documents that contribute to the Intelligence Community's planning process. It does, however, set forth basic guidance on the directions I believe intelligence should move, and its priorities supply a general sense of how the Community should use its resources. I believe you will find it a useful statement, and I would be happy to discuss any of its conclusions with you should you have any questions. ☐

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Sincerely,



William H. Webster

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:
Acting Director, Intelligence Community Staff

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SUBJECT: Forwarding Letters for National Foreign
Intelligence Strategy

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1. Attached for your signature is a set of letters forwarding the National Foreign Intelligence Strategy you recently approved to key Congressional and administration leaders. The first four letters are addressed to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the SSCI, and to the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the HPSCI. Letters conveying the document to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the President's National Security Advisor are also included.

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2. Remaining distribution of the Strategy to NFIB and NFIC agencies will be made by the Intelligence Community Staff. A copy will also be sent to the Secretary of Defense's new Special Assistant for Intelligence Policy. This broader distribution will be held in abeyance until we deliver your letters to the senior officials noted above. We will coordinate that delivery with the Office of Congressional Affairs.

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Acting Director

Attachments:

- A. Letters for Signature
- B. National Foreign Intelligence

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